GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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RECONSIDERATION OF PRIORITIES OF VARIOUS SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reconsider the priorities of various categories of sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are considering any proposal on felicitating the international winners of Cycle Polo so as to promote this game;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): The Priorities of various sports disciplines is decided as per the provisions contained in the `Guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations`. Accordingly, there are following three categories:

(a) Priority: Sports which are included in Olympic, Commonwealth and Asian games and where standards are at, or close to international competitive levels, and where the teams or individuals are likely to win medals, in future.

(b) General: Sports, which are included in Olympic, Commonwealth and Asian Games, and where there is proven aptitude but not yet close to international competitive levels.

(c) Others: Other sports, not covered in Priority and General categories.

The categorization is reviewed from time to time generally after the end of Long Term Development Plan (LTDP) cycle of 4 years.

(c) to (e): Cycle Polo is presently under Others category and all assistance admissible to this Category is being extended in case of Cycle Polo discipline also.